

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Divisional of U.S. Appln. No. 09/255,699 (*Q66129*)

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

**Delete the present Abstract of the Disclosure and replace it with the following new Abstract of the Disclosure.**

When a liquid tank of a liquid spraying apparatus is filled with a liquid, after the liquid has been supplied into the spray tank of the liquid spraying apparatus, if the existence of residual bubbles is detected by a bubble detecting ~~means~~device, an operation is carried out in which the liquid inside the spray tank is drained so as to drain out the bubbles from the tank and the spray tank is refilled with a liquid. As a result, residual bubbles inside the spray tank are removed from the spray tank and the liquid can be applied appropriately to a photosensitive material without causing atomization failure.